

Remarks

Pursuant to the requirement in the Office Action dated February 18, 2004, Applicant hereby elects species a, as shown in Figures 1 and 5.

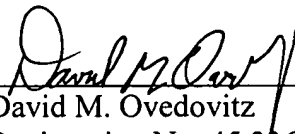
Claims 15, 7-9 and 11 have been amended. Claim 10 has been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer to the subject matter contained therein.

Claims 1, 2, 7 and 8 read on the elected species. Further, the above-mentioned amendments to claims 1 and 7 have rendered them generic claims that read on other non-elected species enumerated by the Examiner. Claims 3-5 and claims 9 and 11 read on non-elected species and depend from generic claims 1 and 7, respectively. Therefore, if claims 1 and 7 are deemed to be allowable, then the respective non-elected claims 3-5, 9 and 11 should be entitled to consideration by the Examiner.

In view of this election, a full examination on the merits of the present application is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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